

## Duncombe Road School Stories

**Edward Vickers** was a private in the 87<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance Royal Army Medical Corps. He died on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1917 from wounds received in action. He was part of the 87<sup>th</sup> Field Ambulance supporting an attack on enemy positions north of Tilloy. The attack came under heavy artillery bombardment and Edward was hit.

**Eric Waywell** was a private in C Company 17<sup>th</sup> King's Liverpool Regiment. He worked for Francis Morton & Co. Ltd. before enlisting, engineers and manufacturers of iron and steel bridges, etc., with iron works in Garston, who made the ironwork for the Liverpool overhead railway. He enlisted in Liverpool and arrived in France on 15<sup>th</sup> July 1916. On 18<sup>th</sup> September 1917 Eric was wounded during the Battle of Passchendaele. He was killed in action on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1918 aged 21 during the German Spring Offensive following an advance on enemy lines.

**George Ambrose Mullock** was a private in the 1<sup>st</sup> Northumberland Fusiliers. George's father was a saddler and initially George enlisted in the 13<sup>th</sup> Reserve Cavalry before transferring to the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion Northumberland Fusiliers. Engaged on the Western Front near Monchiet in 1918 the battalion face the German Spring Offensive and on 28<sup>th</sup> March 1918 they face heavy German attacks supported by artillery and low flying planes. The following day the enemy did not continue their attack but did shell the battalion positions. George was killed and is remembered on the Arras Memorial.

**Harvey Thomas Goodall** was a private in the 1<sup>st</sup> King's Shropshire Light Infantry. Born in Liverpool, before the war Harvey worked as a railway labourer. Died on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1917 **TBF**

### James Bright

**Joseph Hartley** was a Lance Corporal in the 214<sup>th</sup> Company Machine Gun Corps. He enlisted in the 214<sup>th</sup> Company Machine Gun Corps and arrived in France on 18<sup>th</sup> March 1917. In October of that year, they were involved in the Third Battle of Ypres. The general period was marked by heavy fighting and difficult conditions in Flanders, and units were often engaged in or around the front lines, with a high casualty rate, earning the MGC the nickname "the suicide club". Joseph was killed in action on 25<sup>th</sup> October 1917.

**Oswald Norman Andrews** was a private in the 1<sup>st</sup> East Yorkshire Regiment. Born in Northwich, before the war he worked as an office boy at a stockbroker. Originally, he enlisted in Liverpool in December 1915 initially in the RFA Reserve battery before being transferred to the Yorkshire Regiment. At the time he was working as a ploughman. He was recommended for the RFA unit so that he could be with his brother and because he was a qualified engine driver. His brother also wrote to support this request. Oswald arrived in France on 28<sup>th</sup> December 1916. On 22<sup>nd</sup> October 1917 Oswald was admitted to Graylingwell War Hospital, Chichester with a gunshot wound to the chest. He was discharged on 18<sup>th</sup> December 1917. On 8<sup>th</sup> January 1918 he was further admitted to a hospital in Ripon with a gunshot wound and was discharged on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1918 and posted back to France on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1918. He was reported missing, killed in action on 25<sup>th</sup> April 1918 aged 21. His body was not found, and he is remembered on the Tyne Cot Memorial, France.

**Robert Arthur Newton** was a private in the 2<sup>nd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Manchester Regiment. He enlisted in the Manchester Regiment joining the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion. Initially the battalion were a second-line home defence unit. On 6<sup>th</sup> March 1917 Robert eventually sailed to France with the 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion aboard the Princess Henrietta arriving in Boulogne later that same day. In the weeks that followed the battalion

faced artillery fire from enemy lines and on 30<sup>th</sup> March Robert was killed. He was buried at Cambrin Military Cemetery, France.